
Poems and Promises A Sculpture by Rosalind Cook



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Poems and Promises is a limited edition bronze casting of a young woman contemplating the words she has just read in the book of poems she holds.

The Hurst Public Library Board requested a poem by Emily Dickinson, which can be seen written in the pages of the book, be added during the lost wax process, making this casting unique to Hurst. This eight-line poem was selected for its expression of the power of the written word and how accessible books make the world without the expense of travel.

“There is No Frigate Like a Book”

**By
Emily Dickinson**

There is no frigate like a book
To take us lands away,
Nor any coursers like a page
Of prancing poetry.
This traverse may the poorest take
Without oppress of toll;
How frugal is the chariot
That bears a human soul!

About the artist

Rosalind Cook, of Tulsa Oklahoma, is an internationally recognized artist whose works are represented in both private collections and public art settings such as libraries, churches, corporate buildings, and parks. Rosalind was born in Lima, Peru, and had a background in teaching blind and partially-sighted children before she found her life's work as a sculptor. Of her work the artist says, “My sculpture is an extension of who I am: my experiences, my personality, and my faith. I find great fulfillment in the challenge of developing an inspiration into a well designed, tangible form. I want my work to be a living communication and a celebration of life.”

